

HOUSE RESOLUTION 208
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A RESOLUTION to honor Jack Greene upon the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor a remarkable professional who has rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for those associated with the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting a select group of worthy individuals into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration," during, "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2006 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Jack Greene, an exceptional photographer whose unforgettable images have captured some of the greatest Tennessee Walking Horses of all time; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lawrenceburg, Jack Greene grew up in Alabama; after graduating from Oxford High School, Mr. Greene continued his education at Jacksonville State University; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Greene expressed a keen interest in art and writing and dabbled in photography; however, a serious accident led Mr. Greene to become one of the most sought-after equine photographers in the country; and

WHEREAS, while riding in Sidney, Montana, Jack Greene suffered a cracked bone in his neck during an accident; doctors advised him never to work on horseback again, and with that news he returned to college, majored in art, and met the girl he would marry; and

WHEREAS, soon after Mr. Greene began taking pictures of his new wife's Tennessee Walking Horse, friends asked him to take pictures of their horses; his hobby quickly became a vocation; and

WHEREAS, only two years after taking those first photographs, Mr. Greene was hired by the Voice of the Tennessee Walking Horse as its chief photographer; five years later, he moved to Dabora, Incorporated, in Shelbyville, as their chief photographer, a post he ably served for three years; and

WHEREAS, since going into business for himself, Jack Greene has been called upon nearly every weekend of the show season to capture images of the best shows in the industry; from the one-nighters all the way up to The Celebration, Mr. Greene works assiduously to provide his customers a memory that will last forever; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greene is an important part of what goes on in center ring; he has only a split second to capture that perfect moment, and capture those moments he does, time and time again; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greene, with his talented eye and his stunning camera work, has evoked the stark beauty of the Tennessee Walking Horse and has captured on film the grace, poise, and pride inherent in the breed. His photographs speak with eloquent ease to even the most untrained eyes and capture the imaginations of all who view them, and he should be properly recognized for the impact his artistry has made upon the world of the Tennessee Walking Horse; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Mr. Jack Greene has earned the ultimate accolade given by the walking horse industry, and we should pay homage to his life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby acknowledge and applaud Jack Greene on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame and commend him for his sterling service to the walking horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.